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&MCAP-MISSILE

CHINA: M-11 to Pakistan

Q: Have the Chinese sold the M-11 to Pakistan?

- A: -- THE CHINESE HAVE STATED THAT THEY SUPPLIED A

 SHORT-RANGE TACTICAL MISSILE TO PAKISTAN. IN RESPONSE

 TO A PRESS QUERY JUNE 27 AS TO WHETHER THIS MISSILE

 WAS THE M-11, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR PROVIDED AN

 AMBIGUOUS RESPONSE: HE SAID THAT THE MISSILE SOLD TO

 PAKISTAN DID NOT EXCEED MTCR GUIDELINES, BUT HE SAID

 HE BELIEVED IT WAS THE MISSILE WE REFER TO AS THE M-11.
 - THE POINT WE ARE TRYING TO VERIFY IS WHETHER CHINA HAS SOLD OR TRANSFERRED A MISSILE TO PAKISTAN WITH CAPABILITIES THAT EXCEED MTCR GUIDELINES. WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN A CLEAR ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO VERIFY THE FACTS RIGHT NOW.
 - THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE CHINESE

 THAT WE CONSIDER THE M-11 TO HAVE CAPABILITIES THAT

 EXCEED MTCR GUIDELINES, AND THAT ADDITIONAL

 LEGISLATIVELY-MANDATED SANCTIONS WOULD BE CALLED FOR

 IF THE M-11 WERE SOLD TO PAKISTAN.

- THE U.S. HAS ALREADY SANCTIONED CHINESE ENTITIES UNDER
 THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR
 TRANSFERRING MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN.
- -- AN ADDITIONAL SANCTION WOULD BE CALLED FOR IF IT IS

 CONFIRMED THAT CHINA HAS SOLD TO PAKISTAN A MISSILE

 HAVING CAPABILITIES EXCEEDING MISSILE TECHNOLOGY

 CONTROL REGIME GUIDELINES.

China: M-11 Missiles to Pakistan PMCAP-MUSILES

What is the Administration's view of reports that China has Q: sold the M-ll missile to Pakistan?

- Exports of the M-11 missile system and/or related **A**: missile technology and equipment to Pakistan would represent grave threats to the region. We consider the M-11 to be a missile that exceeds MTCR Guidelines.

- We would like to see a reduction of tension on the subcontinent.
- We have conveyed to the Chinese both our concern about missile transfers to non-MTCR adherent countries and our interest in avoiding an arms race on the subcontinent.
- China has been responsive to our concerns about an arms race on the subcontinent. We will pursue discussions with the Chinese on this subject.

Have the Chinese delivered M-11's to Pakistan? 0:

The Chinese have stated that they have delivered A: short-range tactical missiles to Pakistan. We have asked China for a clarification of this statement; we do not yet know whether the "tactical" missile referred to by the Chinese is the M-ll.

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